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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PUBLICITY RELATING TO OMEGA AGREEMENT:

PRESIDENT TOLBERT' S VISIT

REF: MONROVIA 2418

1. REFTEL SUGGESTED VISIT PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO U. .
MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE OCCASION ANNOUNCE U. S./ GOL AGREEMENT
LOCATE OMEGA STATION IN LIBERIA. HOWEVER, MAY 16 LIBERIAN STAR
CARRIED, AS LEAD STORY, ARTICLE HEADLINED " SATELLITE STATION
FOR LIBERIA". SOURCE OF STORY, WHICH FAIRLY ACCURATE BY
STAR STANDARDS, BUT WHICH CONTAINS SEVERAL FACTUAL ERRORS, NOT
EXACTLY IDENTIFIED.

2. STAR ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY STAFF WRITER EMMANUEL
OSADEBAY AND DESCRIBED STATION AS " THE FIRST EARTH
SATELLITE STATION TO BE INSTALLED IN LIBERIA." OSADEBAY
TOLD USIS HE DEVELOPED STORY AS REEULT CONVERSATIONS WITH
OFFICIALS AT GOL MINISTRY LANDS & MINES AND WITH EXPATRIATE
PERSONNEL INVOLVED CLEARING OMEGA SITE. ARTICLE QUOTED
" A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY" AS SAYING ANY
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COMMENT ON THE PROJECT WOULD BE HELD UNTIL TOLBERT' S
VIST TO U. S. OSADEBAY ADDED THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN
UNDER DISOUSSION FOR " MANY YEARS" AND PROJECT WOULD HAVE

STARTED EARLIER EXCEPT FOR U. S. INABILITY GET GOL CONSENT.
ARTICLE CITED AGRIMECO AS HANDLING CLEARING OPERATIONS AND
LIBERIA STATION AS FOURTH IN WORLD- WIDE OMEGA SYSTEM.
STATION REFERRED TO AS " OMEGA IV" THROUGH OUT ARTICLE.

3. COMMENT - ACTITN REQUESTED. ALTHOUGH THEE HAS BEEN
NO EMBASSY/ GOL PUBLICITY RE OMEGA, NO ATTEMPT AT SECRECY
HAS BEEN MADE CONCERNING NEGOTIATIONS, SITE LOCATION,
ETC. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT' S INDICATION WHETHER IT
PLANS TAKE OPPORTUNITY TOLBERT VISIT MAKE SOME ANNOUNCEMENT
ABOUT OMEGA. IF NEGATIVE, WE WILL WISH CONSIDER ISSUING JOINT
ANNOUNCEMENT RE OMEGA WITH GOL TO CORRECT DISTORTIONS STAR
STORY.
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